

SOCIETY

Society Plans Spring Activities

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THE dawn of springtime finds its reflection in society where the smart world is engaged in the annual task of rearrangement and rejuvenation. Long before the forsythia has bloomed on Highland Terrace and the crocus and tulip have opened their golden buds in the parks, society will have prepared for the onslaught of warm spring weather and the accompanying lassitude in springtime activities. Already summer villas are being leased at the fashionable resorts and corps of servants engaged for the summer campaign.

The dawn of this season of gentle winds and warm sunshine was celebrated officially by the Counselor of the Persian Legation and Mme. Ali Kuli Khan with a large dinner party at which only Persian dainties were served and the cloth of rich Oriental silk was strewn with the petals of roses and hyacinths in native fashion. The first day of spring in Persia is also the dawn of the new year and as such has been celebrated by the Persians for more than 6,000 years with nation-wide rejoicing, hospitalities, and exchange of gifts. The poetic festival lasts a fortnight, ending with a general exodus from the cities into the surrounding country of blossoming gardens and flowering plains.

During their many years' residence at the Capital, Mirza and Mme. Ali Kuli Khan have never failed to celebrate the feast day with some delightful hospitality, usually with a large reception. Last year they spent in California, only returning to Washington where they are tremendously popular, in the late autumn. Mme. Ali Kuli was Miss Florence Breed, of Boston, before her marriage. She is very beautiful and has great charm of manner.

Springtime was apparent in the details of the weddings of the week which were made lovely by the lavish use of snapdragons, Easter lilies, syringas, and pussy willow in the scheme of decoration. The marriage of Miss Lydia Clark and Paymaster Neill, U. S. N., was solemnized with charming simplicity on Wednesday in the bride's apartment at the Brighton. Paymaster Neill is attached to the U. S. S. Dolphin which is stationed here, so Washington will not lose the interesting young couple immediately.

Superstition is still rife that Wednesday is "the best day of all" with regard to matrimonial ventures, and Miss Nell Rose Baggett has chosen that day for her marriage this week to Mr. George Frederick Mitchell.

The ceremony will be performed at 8:30 o'clock in the evening at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lafayette square and will be followed by a reception at the Rochambeau. The bridegroom's uncle, Archdeacon Alexander Mitchell, of South Carolina, will assist the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's, in performing the ceremony, and his sisters, the Misses Julietta and Mary Elizabeth Mitchell will be among the bridesmaids. Another sister, Mrs. Eugene Johnson, of Charleston, S. C., will be matron of honor. Miss Eloise Rose, of San Francisco, and Miss Alice Theobald will complete the wedding party. A honeymoon in the Orient has been planned by the young couple, who will sail from California April 5. They will return to Washington finally and make their home here where the bride-elect is very popular, especially with the Southern contingent, and is associated with many philanthropic enterprises.

The date of the marriage of Miss Bessie Samuel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Samuel, of Philadelphia, and Dr. George N. Poulioff, of the Bulgarian Legation, has been set for April 26. The ceremony will take

MRS. WILLIAM GILMORE NEILL, charming bride of last week. Mrs. Neill was Miss Lydia Hodges Clark before her marriage to Paymaster Neill, U. S. N., last Wednesday.



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and his bride leaving immediately for the Ingalls place at the Virginia Hot Springs. Upon their return to Washington they will join Mrs. Ingalls at the Hotel Lafayette until their plans are perfected.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. Melville E. Ingalls, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ingalls, of Cleveland, and their small daughter, Miss Anne Taft Ingalls; Mr. and Mrs. Fay Ingalls, and Miss Polly Ingalls, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Russell S. Eddy, of Morristown, N. J.

Senor Don Aladuno Bascuman, who was recently appointed Chilean ambassador to the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Bascuman and their children, arrived at Washington yesterday, coming direct to Washington. In May they will be joined by their son, who will by then have completed his year's military training in Chile. The new ambassador comes from Italy, where he was minister, and made the trip to this country by way of Spain and Cuba.

Don Manuel Walls y Merino, counselor of the Spanish embassy, left yesterday for Panama to serve as umpire of the International High Commission sitting there. He has been promoted to the rank of minister, after service of fourteen years at the embassy here, and will remain in Panama until he is detailed to a new post.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Gregory, accompanied by Miss Jane Gregory, left Washington yesterday to spend the week-end with the Controller of the Currency and Mrs. John Skelton Williams, at their home near Richmond.

The marriage of Miss Mary Hardin Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pearson Parker, and Dr. William Otis Bailey, U. S. N., was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents in Ontario place. No cards were issued for the wedding, the date of which was advanced from Easter week as the bridegroom has been ordered away from Washington.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. MacBride Storratt, of All Souls' Church. In the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends, the drawing rooms were attractively decorated with palms, ferns, and quantities of snapdragons, roses, pussy willow and other spring blossoms.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a lovely gown of cloth of silver veiled with white tulle and made with a court train of silver cloth. Her tulle veil was caught with orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of white orchid and lilies of the valley. Miss Maud Parker was her sister's only attendant and wore a gown of pink faille with an overdrape of gold-embroidered tulle. Her bouquet was of pink roses and forget-me-nots in an old-fashioned lace holder.

Mr. Marion Prentiss Bailey was best man for his brother.

A small reception followed the ceremony, when the bridal party was assisted by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. John Hanson Boyden, of Prince George's County, Md., sister of the bride. Mrs. Parker wore a handsome gown of mauve satin and silver lace and Mrs. Boyden's gown was of white charmeuse and tulle, embroidered in pearls.

Dr. Bailey and his bride left later for their wedding trip, the latter traveling in a tailored suit of blue cloth and a black tailored hat faced with apple-green straw.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg had as their guests at dinner last evening at their home in Baltimore, Chevalier van Rappard, the Netherlands minister, and Mme. van Rappard.

The Japanese Ambassador will entertain at dinner on Saturday evening, March 31.

The Argentine Ambassador and Mme. Naon have out invitations for a dinner on Saturday, April 7.

Mrs. Blaine Beale has invitations out for a tea in compliment to Mrs. Fred-

eric Cauldwell, a bride of the winter, who was Miss Thackara, Tuesday, March 27, at the Playhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Blair will be hosts at a dinner on Easter Monday evening, for Miss Mary Regina and Lieut. Thomas Larkin and the wedding party, which will attend them at their marriage on April 16.

Miss Helen McCumber will give a dinner party for Miss Irwin and Lieutenant Larkin, Wednesday evening at the Chevy Chase Club, and Miss Ruth Lerner, and Miss Margaret Lerner will entertain at dinner for them on Thursday evening, April 12.

Spring Weddings.

The marriage of Miss Mary Moreland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McLain Moreland of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Lawrence Hudson Vilas of Chicago, will take place Saturday afternoon, March 31. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride's parents. In Fifth avenue, at 5 o'clock. Little Miss Helen Mary of Washington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Marye, and a niece of Mrs. Moreland, will attend the bride as a flower girl, as will also Miss Sara Moreland, the bride's sister.

MRS. CLEMENT A. F. FLAGLER, wife of Lieut. Col. Flagler, U. S. A., who has been appointed military attaché to the United States Embassy at Rome. Col. and Mrs. Flagler will probably leave next month for their new post.



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Mrs. Stanhope Wood Nixon of New York, formerly Miss Doris Ryer, will be matron of honor. The bridesmaids will be Miss Charlotte Poynton, sister of the bride; Miss Muriel Boyd and Miss Evelyn Boyd, sisters of the bridegroom; Miss Minna Gill, Miss Marcia Trouland and Miss Stella Poynton, cousin of the bride.

Mr. Alan Smith of Overbrook, Pa., will be the best man, and the ushers will include Mr. Edward Poynton, brother of the bride, and Mr. Charles Haupt of this city; Mr. Bent Trued Hyberg, Mr. Paul Boyd and Mr. Robert Brown of Philadelphia.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mary Carroll Frick, daughter of Mr. Charles Frick, of Baltimore, and Mr. John H. Montgomery, of New York, on Saturday, April 14, at noon, in Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore. The ceremony will be performed by the rector, Rev. Dr. William M. Dame, and will be followed by a small breakfast at the bride's home. Miss Frick, who will be given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Robert Denison Frick, will have as her maid of honor her sister, Miss Susan Carroll Poulney Frick. The matron of honor will be Mrs. Henry A. Orrick, Jr., sister of the bridegroom, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Dorothy Blake Frick, another sister of the bride; Miss Mariana Robinson, Miss Ella Lea Thom, Miss Anita Warfield, cousin of the bride; Miss Frances Imogen Vandepoel and Miss Georgiana Williams.

Mr. Montgomery will have his father, Judge John A. Montgomery, of Trenton, N. J., for his best man, and the ushers will be Mr. Malcolm Read, Providence, R. I.; Mr. George Henry, Mr. Edward Pendergast, Mr. Shelton Farr, Mr. Irving Bowdoin Kingsford, New York; Mr. Bradford Stryker, Trenton; Mr. Henry A. Orrick, Jr., and Mr. William Hoffman, Baltimore. Mr. Montgomery and his bride will live at Wynwood.

A wedding of unusual interest to the diplomatic contingent in Washington will be that of Miss Violet Eskine, of the British Embassy staff, and Mr. Horace Seymour, third secretary of the embassy, which will take place on Monday, April 9. The ceremony, which will be solemnized at 11 o'clock at the embassy, will be quite simple, and will be attended only by members of the embassy staff and a few close friends. The bride will be accompanied by her father, Mr. George Seymour, of New York to officiate. Mr. Seymour and his bride will make their home in Washington for the present.

Miss Margery Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Snyder, has selected the evening of April 10 for her marriage to Mr. David A. Snyder, of New Bloomfield, Pa. The ceremony will be performed at 8 o'clock at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church by the Rev. George Doudley. A reception will follow. Miss Dorothy Snyder will be maid of honor and Mrs. George Magruder will act as matron of honor. Miss Elizabeth Leckie, Miss Viola Schipert, Miss Virginia Kirt, of Philadelphia, and Miss Olive Holland, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be the bridesmaids. The two little twin daughters of Mr. Louis H. Stabler, Margaret and Elizabeth Stabler, will be the flower girls. The best man will be Dr. James Moser and the ushers are Dr. Charles Mansfield, Mr. Frank Allen, Mr. Irving Koch, Mr. Leslie Bolling and Mr. George Magruder.

Unique among Easter nuptials will be the rainbow wedding of Miss Margery Snyder, daughter of Mr. Edgar C. Snyder, former president of the Gridiron Club, and Mrs. Snyder and Mr. David Abner Snyder, at St. Stephen's Church, Tuesday evening, April 10, at 8 o'clock.

The bride's attendants will be a group of gifted young women of more than local fame. Mrs. George Hall Magruder, prominent settlement worker, will be matron of honor. Miss Dorothy Snyder, secretary of the Southeastern Librarians' Association, will be maid of honor for her sister. The bridesmaids include Miss Virginia Kirt, editor of the domestic science department of the Ladies' Home Journal, of Philadelphia; Miss Olive Holland, social worker of New York, and Misses Viola Schipert and Elizabeth Leckie, well-known local singers. The Stabler twins, Margaret and Elizabeth, will be flower girls.

Dr. Mosher will be best man, and Dr. Charles Mansfield and Messrs. Allen Bowling, Koch and Magruder will be the ushers.

A program of nuptial music will be given by Misses Schipert and Leckie, with Mr. Ashton at the organ, a half hour before the ceremony. After the ceremony there will be a reception at the bride's home, 1112 Fairmont street.

Among those entertaining for Miss Snyder are Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels, Mrs. Earl Wagner, Mrs. Magruder, Mrs. Stabler, Miss Schipert, and Miss Leckie.

Entertainments.

The ladies' of the hospital branch of the Sunshine Society will give a silver, musical tea, Thursday, March 29 from 2 to 4 at the home of Mrs. Carl Loeffler, 144 Newton street. Many local artists will lend their talents on this occasion among them Miss Arnes Watan, accompanied by Miss Huggins; Mrs. Robert Stone, accompanied by Miss Kinsey; Miss Jane Fishback, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Fishback; Miss Flora Briggs, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Hamilton; Miss Marion McCoy, Miss Margaret Paine, and Miss Elizabeth Heitmauer, will also sing and there will be several violin soloists including Miss Isabel McGee, Mrs. E. K. Hayes will read and there will be other interesting numbers. All friends of the Sunshine Society are cordially invited to attend.

The red, white and blue ball at Rauscher's on April 11 promises to be one of the great successes of this season. The decorations and everything possible will be in the three colors and young girls will wear ribbon rosettes of red, white and blue. Many of the young women will wear costumes in these colors.

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